

We'd like to protest any FCC requirement that cable TV should have to broadcast emergency broadcast signals, short of a large scale national emergency like a nuclear war, where it comes from the President.

One of the things that drove us away from network TV and into cable TV was the fact that network TV trashes so many shows with state or local alerts that we have absolutely no interest in to begin with, and the fact that we tape most shows for time shifting, makes it where we often don't see these alerts until weeks later when we go to watch the taped show.

So we'll be sitting there watching our favorite series and then suddenly it gets interrupted by loud obnoxious beeping and a weather statement from 3 weeks or even 3 months ago, warning of a thunderstorm that was 80 miles away from us, out in some farm fields halfway to Kansas!

This has disgusted us away from watching most network TV now, so we took refuge in cable. We're PAYING for it! We shouldn't have to watch that kind of trash over the programs we're PAYING to enjoy!

Yet last night I'm watching a good show on Comcast cable, when suddenly the screen goes black and a EBS message starts beeping, something about a missing child alert somewhere in Colorado! What am I supposed to do about it?! I'm sitting in my bedroom at 1:30 AM TRYING to enjoy a show before going to sleep! Should I run from my home with a flashlight and some hound dogs and start searching the neighborhood for said missing child? I don't even recall them saying where the child went missing!

This is trash, people, it's yet more obnoxious and uncalled-for government intrusion into our lives, and nothing is safe anymore, not even programming we PAY for! What's next, requiring our DVD player to start interrupting the movies we're watching with alerts about tornados 100 miles away?!

PLEASE STOP REQUIRING THIS!

If people are that interested, perhaps there could be some new settings programmed into new TV sets that would allow the owner to CHOOSE whether to have these alerts or not!

We're fed up with Big Brother style intrusions into EVERY SINGLE ASPECT OF OUR LIVES! PLEASE!